

## Monday 20th February 2017 - Trendsetters Guide

Previous race trends (2007-16) can often help provide a shortlist of potential winners in the current year's races. Hopefully these brief pointers will assist racegoers at Carlisle today. The figure in brackets after the race details is the favourite's strike rate for the race. Trainers who have won the race before and have an intended runner at the 5-day declaration stage are also highlighted. Extended for 2017 are the 'Carlisle Form Figures' showing the horses last six form figures for races run here at Carlisle.

**2.00 - 2m 3f+ Novices' Hurdle (16%):** The last five winners had not run more than 3 times in the current season. All winners last ran 19-69 days earlier. Whilst the last two winners were well backed three of the six winners since 2007 had odds of 16/1+. Trainers to Watch: D McCain (won 2007 & 2015); D E Pipe (2012).

**2.30 - 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle (16%):** All past winners were rested at least 27 days before winning here. The last five winners all carried a weight of 11st 2lbs or greater. In the betting the longest winner's odds were 12/1. Trainers to Watch: D McCain (won 2016); M Barnes (2013). Carlisle Form: Hartside (31); Theatre Act (5811); Age of Glory (153).

**3.00 - 2m 4f Handicap Chase (16%):** All past winners last ran 12-56 days earlier with the last five winners finishing 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run. Longest winner's odds seen since 2007 were 12/1. Carlisle Form: Purcells Bridge (18143); Verko (513).

**3.35 - 2m 3f+ Handicap Hurdle (33%):** At last a slightly better race for favourite backers with four of the six past winners being 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites and all winner's odds being 6/1 or shorter. Three of the last four winners had won either of their last two races. Trainers to watch: Venetia Williams (won 2012); D McCain (2011). Carlisle Form: Meadowcroft Boy (1); Mwaleshi (12).

**4.10 - 3m+ Handicap Chase (50%):** New race in 2015. Both winners to date finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on their last *completed* run and were fairly well backed with odds of 4/1 & 9/2. Carlisle Form: Cloudy Too (U11); Blakemount (3311); Beg To Differ (1); Cultram Abbey (122); Carrighoun (318211).

**4.45 - 3m 1f Handicap Hurdle (50%):** New race in 2015. Both winners to date were ridden by a conditional jockey claiming a weight allowance. Highest winner's odds so far were 17/2.

**5.15 - 2m 1f NH Flat Race (n/a):** New race in 2017.

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